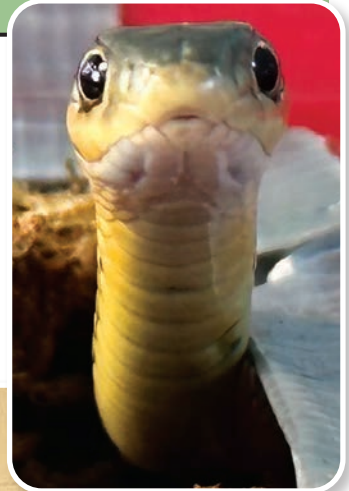




# WILDWOODS 501(c)(3)

The Northland's regional wildlife rehabilitation facility



## Dear Wildwoods Friends and Family,

What a year we had in 2022! Thank YOU for being a part of it! Your support meant everything to the animals and humans alike who benefited from our work. **We admitted 945 animals representing 109 species, and provided support to 2,734 people.**

### Our Work in 2022

In addition to animals and people served, we have several important highlights to share:

- We received our **general permit** which allows us to rehabilitate all injured and orphaned animals, including adults.
- We celebrated our **Sweet 16 anniversary** with more than 150 of you joining us!
- We hired a second **Certified Veterinary Technician**; we now have an in-house CVT and a remote CVT.
- We **doubled the size of our outdoor pre-release conditioning area** – the last stop for animals in our care before they are returned to the wild.

These successes helped to temper the difficulties we faced with addressing bird flu. We expected that we would be dealing with **Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI)** for part of our 2022 season, but the fact is, we are still dealing with it, and will be doing so throughout 2023.

Our preparation for this disease has been thorough. Last year we:

- Ensured that we would be able to take in animals that are susceptible to HPAI.
- Created strict biosecurity protocols for safely handling susceptible species with the support of The Raptor Center, Partners for Wildlife, and the Minnesota Department of Health.
- Turned our basement into a quarantine room so that we can safely admit susceptible species without endangering other animals in our care.

Looking forward, we will try to expand our waterfowl room with the hope that we will be able to accept additional species this year that we could not accept last year. While this disease remains fluid, our priority is to do everything that we can to support the animals that need care.

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# Dear Wildwoods Friends and Family continued from previous page

## Our Community

Wildwoods cannot exist without our community. **Please look at our financials in this report to see just how you fit in. Individual donors are responsible for 70 percent of our revenue.** Each dollar that you put into an envelope, leave in our mailbox, or donate online makes up a portion of that 70 percent. Your dollars, words of encouragement, volunteer hours, care for the animals, and spreading the word on how to share space with nature and her wildlife are inextricably linked to our successes here at Wildwoods.

I continue to be impressed by our staff, our volunteers, and our community that come together to support and guide our work as we care for the animals that share this world with us. **The continued presence of HPAI and inflation are impacting our finances, and we ask you to consider increasing your support as we navigate these challenges, all the while caring for increasing numbers of animals.**

Please support us in our efforts so that we can continue to be here for you, and for the animals that enrich our lives.

Kind regards,

Jessica LaBumbard  
Executive Director

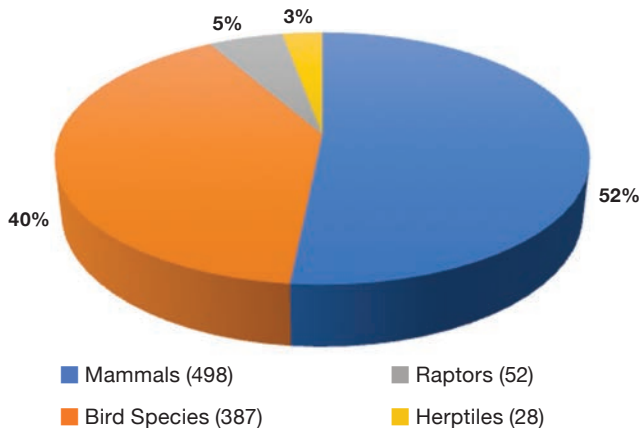


## 2022 Stats

### Animals Served

In 2022, we admitted **965 animal patients from 109 species**. The eastern cottontail rabbit topped the list (260) followed by the rock pigeon (113), eastern gray squirrel (68), and the white-footed mouse (60). The list continues with numerous raptor species, a long-tailed weasel, fawns, a coyote, bobcats, ruby-throated hummingbirds, American robins, western painted turtles, and many others (see page 4 for a complete species list)!

#### PATIENTS

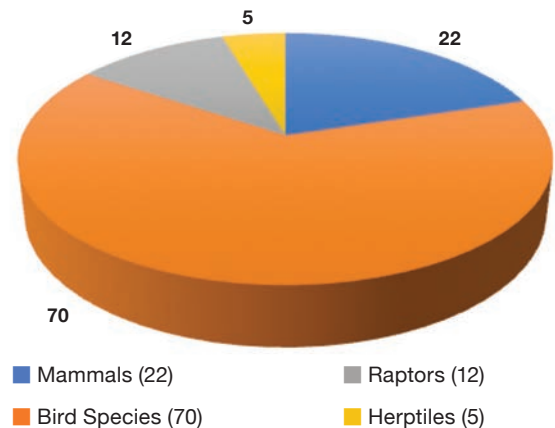


### People Served

Wildwoods served **2,734 people in 2022:**

- 765 people brought in animals for care.
- 1,452 people called with animal concerns and questions, with most calls resulting in the animal being left safely in place.
- 517 people participated in our educational programs.

#### NUMBER OF SPECIES BY ANIMAL GROUPS



# Animal Stories

## Bald Eagle



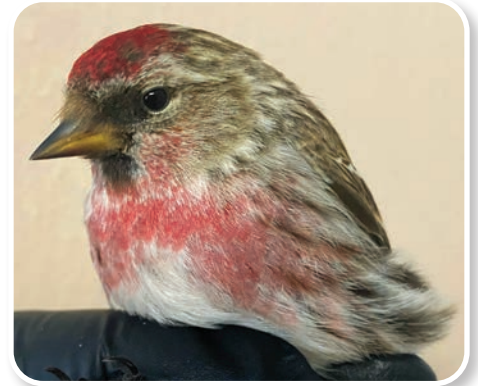
Public education on the impact of lead ammunition on wildlife is increasing, and more efforts are being made to outlaw lead ammunition and lures because of the devastating impact they have on animals. Highly unfortunately, we see our fair share of animals suffering from lead poisoning.

This beautiful bald eagle spent four days with us in February 2022, and his ordeal with lead poisoning is especially poignant. This eagle was banded in Wisconsin in June of 1989 before he could fly. This means that at the time we received him at Wildwoods, he was 32-33 years old.

This gorgeous bird was able to take to the skies for 33 years, seeing things that we can only imagine. Watching the world change during his lifetime with development and human encroachment on his wild home. How terribly sad that at this stage in his life, he contracted lead poisoning. There is no way we can make up for the injury that we have caused, but we can change the future for these animals by refusing to accept their injuries as collateral damage to our activities and by demanding change.

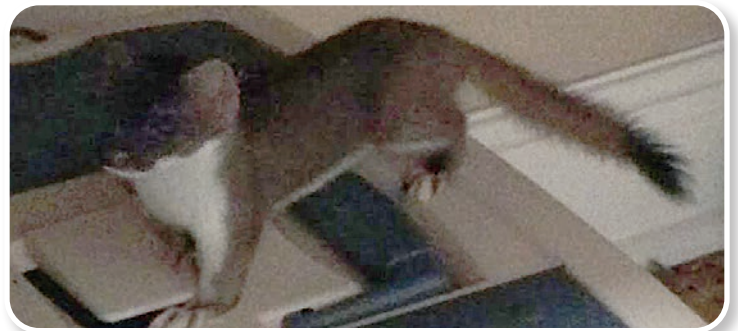
## Common Redpolls

Every year we receive birds that are victims of window strikes. What was surprising in 2022 was that 13 of our window strike cases were common redpolls. Common redpolls are a



species of finch that spend most of the year in the arctic and migrate south in the winter. How far south they migrate is determined by that year's seed crop. If less food is available, they fly farther south and we see an irruption, a sudden change in the population density of a species, usually occurring over a 2-year cycle. You can help common redpolls and other bird species migrate by preventing window strikes. On busy migration days, draw down your blinds to make your windows more visible, buy patterned window adhesives, or learn how to make your own. Another easy step you can take during migration season is to turn your outdoor lights off after dark!

## Long-tailed Weasel



We're always prepared for some jailbreaks from animals in our care. After all, who wants to stay inside when they could be out romping in the woods? One of our most memorable escapees last year was a long-tailed weasel brought to us in July by a woman who found it caught up in her garden netting. It took some work, but with patience and a steady hand, we freed her from the netting – upon which time she immediately bolted and gave us the runaround, hiding behind kennels, jumping at the walls, and outsmarting our attempts at recapture. When we eventually caught her, we let her rest before doing an exam. Once we determined she was healthy and uninjured, this feisty long-tailed weasel was transported back to the area where she was found and released, happily, into the wild.



# Species List

## 109 Species admitted to Wildwoods in 2022

### BIRDS

American Bittern  
American Crow  
American Goldfinch  
American Redstart  
American Robin  
American Woodcock  
Bald Eagle  
Barred Owl  
Belted Kingfisher  
Blackburnian Warbler  
Black-capped Chickadee  
Blue Jay  
Bohemian Waxwing  
Broad-winged Hawk  
Brown-headed Cowbird  
Canada Goose  
Canada Warbler  
Cedar Waxwing  
Chimney Swift  
Chipping Sparrow  
Common Grackle  
Common Loon  
Common Nighthawk



Common Raven  
Common Redpoll  
Common Yellowthroat  
Cooper's Hawk  
Dark-eyed Junco  
Downy Woodpecker  
Eastern Kingbird



European Starling  
Flycatcher sp  
Fox Sparrow  
Golden-crowned Kinglet  
Gray Catbird  
Great Blue Heron  
Great Horned Owl  
Hairy Woodpecker

Hermit Thrush  
Herring Gull  
Hooded Merganser  
House Sparrow  
House Wren  
Long-eared Owl  
Mallard  
Merlin  
Mourning Dove  
Nashville Warbler



Northern Cardinal  
Northern Flicker  
Northern Parula  
Northern Saw-whet Owl  
Osprey  
Ovenbird

Palm Warbler  
Pileated Woodpecker  
Pine Grosbeak  
Red-bellied Woodpecker  
Red-eyed Vireo  
Red-tailed Hawk  
Red-winged Blackbird  
Ring-billed Gull  
Rock Pigeon  
Rose-breasted Grosbeak  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird  
Ruffed Grouse  
Sharp-shinned Hawk  
Snowy Owl  
Song Sparrow  
Sora  
Swainson's Thrush  
Tennessee Warbler  
Tundra Swan  
Veery  
Warbler

White-breasted Nuthatch  
White-throated Sparrow  
Wilson's Snipe  
Wood Duck  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker  
Yellow-rumped Warbler

### HERPTILES

#### (Reptiles and Amphibians)

American Toad  
Common Garter Snake  
Common Snapping Turtle  
Red-bellied Snake  
Western Painted Turtle



### MAMMALS

Big Brown Bat  
Bobcat  
Common Muskrat  
Coyote  
Eastern Chipmunk  
Eastern Cottontail  
Eastern Gray Squirrel  
Franklin's Ground Squirrel  
House Mouse  
Little Brown Bat  
Long-tailed Weasel

Meadow Vole  
North American Porcupine  
Northern Flying Squirrel  
Raccoon  
Red Squirrel  
Silver-haired Bat  
Snowshoe Hare

Southern Flying Squirrel  
White-footed Deermouse  
White-tailed Deer  
Woodchuck





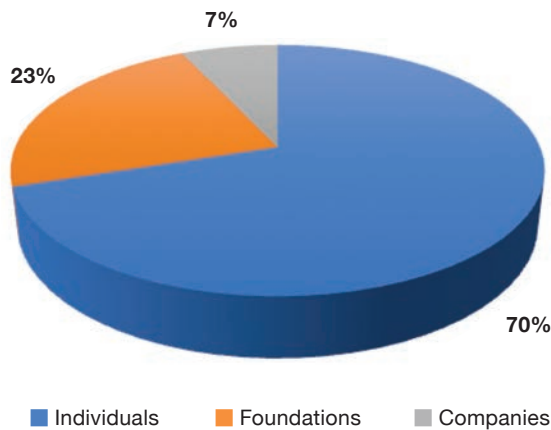
# 2022 Financials

January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022

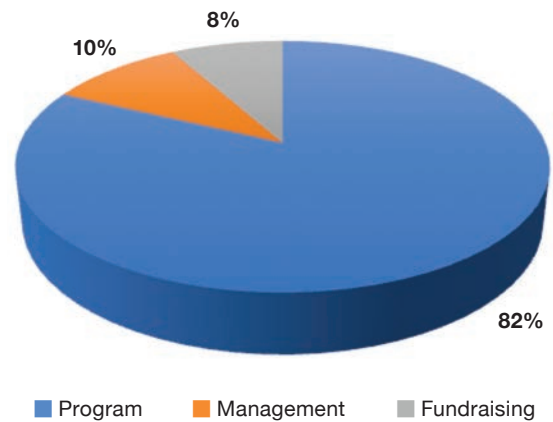
**Revenue: \$181,696**

**Expenses: \$190,557**

## 2022 DONATIONS BY SOURCE



## 2022 EXPENDITURES



# Baby Shower 2023!

It is time for our annual baby shower as we prepare for the arrival of spring babies. Please visit our website at <https://wildwoodsrehab.org/support-wildwoods/donate-items/> to find the link to our baby registry.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

**There are several things you can do to support our work!**

- **Consider becoming a Legacy Donor!**

Include Wildwoods in your will or estate plan.

Contact us at [jessica@wildwoodsrehab.org](mailto:jessica@wildwoodsrehab.org) for more information.

- **Make a donation using the enclosed envelope!**

Your funds go a long way to helping us provide this care and support to our local wildlife.

- **Save those aluminum cans!**

You can drop them off at Wildwoods, B&B Market in Cloquet, or Cloquet Riverside Recycling. Proceeds from these cans benefit Wildwoods!

- **We are always looking for transport volunteers.**

Let us know if you can give a lift to a sick or injured animal that needs to go to another rehabber.

- **Order some Wildwoods swag here:**

<https://wildwoods.itemorder.com/sale>. A portion of the proceeds goes to us.





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### Thank you!



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We rehabilitate orphaned wildlife and return them to the wild while  
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## Thank you to our donors for making 2022 a success!

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